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Weather situation on Aruba



Yesterday morning, Aruba, once again, was blessed with rain. The actual weather on Aruba has brought a lot of rain, mostly in the western part of the island. This brought along that the dams in the different parts of Aruba

are full and some of them are even overflowing.

At present, the Department of Public Works has 20 teams controlling the situation of the dams and sewer systems. The Firefighting Department yesterday gave assistance at three different locations, Bushiri, Brickel Bay and Pos Abou. The Department of Social Affairs and the Red Cross are also controlling the situation in case the community needs assistance.

The center of Oranjestad was hit by severe rain, bringing along a lot of water with the consequence that some streets had to be closed off. The Department of Public Works is working on a plan to close more streets in case we get more rain in the days to come.

Everyone is kindly asked to check and listen to the weather forecasts given by the Aruba Meteorological Service so they can take the necessary precaution measures.

Photos show the Caya Betico Croes during yesterday's downpour.

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Pakistani scientist sentenced to 86 years in US prison

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A New York court yesterday sentenced a US-educated Pakistani scientist to 86 years in prison for attempted murder of US officers in Afghanistan, in a high-profile case sparking outrage in Pakistan.

Aafia Siddiqui, 38, a neuroscientist who trained at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis University, was found guilty in February of trying to kill American servicemen in Afghanistan.

"It is my judgment that Dr Siddiqui is sentenced to a period of incarceration of 86 years," Judge Richard Berman said in the federal court.

As the sentence was read out, a woman among about a dozen Siddiqui supporters in court yelled: "Shame, shame on this court!"

And in Siddiqui's hometown of Karachi, about 200 activists demonstrated, chanting "Down with America!"

But Siddiqui repeatedly

pleaded with Muslims to take her sentencing calmly. "Forgive everybody in my case, please.... And also forgive Judge Berman," she said.

Although Siddiqui denounced her trial and said there was no point appealing, her legal team promised to appeal.

Siddiqui, a mother of three, was found guilty of grabbing a rifle at an Afghan police station in the town of Ghazni where she was being interrogated in July 2008 and trying to gun down a group of US servicemen and FBI agents.

Prosecutors said she picked up the US soldier's rifle and opened fire, shouting "death to America!"

She did not hit anyone and was herself shot in the stomach before being subdued.

Defense lawyers argued there was no physical evidence, such as finger prints or gunpowder traces, to show Siddiqui even grabbed the rifle. They also disputed the government's portrayal of Siddiqui as an al-Qaeda-linked would-be terrorist.

Colombia kills FARC leader, striking blow to rebels

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - A bold assault by Colombian armed forces yesterday killed the military leader of the nation's oldest insurgency in what defense officials called the "toughest strike ever" against the leftist guerrillas.

Bogota confirmed the death of Jorge Briceño Suarez, 57, head of military operations for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), in an early morning raid on a rebel stronghold involving as many as 800 troops, including elite special forces.

President Juan Manuel Santos, sworn in just last month, called the operation a major victory against the FARC, a nearly five decade old Marxist insurgency in the South American nation.

"It's the hardest blow ever" in the history of the guerrilla movement, Santos told reporters on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York. "The symbol of terror in

Colombia has fallen."

A defense ministry source told AFP the coordinated military attack also took the lives of 20 other rebels in the central Colombian department of Meta.

Officials said that the raid known as "Operation Sodom," was supported by 72 aircraft and located the key stronghold of the rebels.

"This was the mother of the FARC camps, the heart," Defense Minister Rodrigo Rivera told reporters.

Rivera then called on the head of the FARC, Alfonso Cano, to surrender following what analysts said was a huge blow to the leftist guerrilla group.

"Alfonso Cano, give yourself up," he said. "We guarantee you will live and receive just treatment under the law."

The defense official said



Jorge Briceño Suarez

Briceno's body would be taken to a medical examiner and be treated "with all respect and legality."

He denied reports that there were hostages in the camp during the raid. He added that forces found "some small notes, but it would not be prudent or smart to reveal their contents."

Officials in Washington described Briceno as a key player directing the FARC's drug-trafficking operations, including the production and distribution of hundreds of tons of cocaine

Third DNA results clear Paraguay president in paternity case

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AFP) - A third and final lab test has cleared Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo in a paternity case, a year after the former Catholic bishop acknowledged fathering a boy with a different woman, officials said yesterday.

After the results were announced by Judge Ana Ovelar, Lugo's lawyer Marcos Farina asked for the case to be dismissed.

The latest suit was brought by Damiana Hortensia Moran, who had alleged that Lugo was the father of her two-year-old son.

The woman told reporters outside the courthouse she would consult her lawyers before her next move. But Farina said the woman has "less and

less credibility" following news of the lab tests.

Lugo had provided three DNA samples last month that were used for the analysis by a US laboratory.

Lugo, 59, admitted last year to having a child, now aged three, with a 26-year-old woman after she sued.

Two other paternity lawsuits, including Moran's, were subsequently brought against him, and it was ruled that if a DNA test were not taken, the boy would be named Lugo's son by a court judgement and bear Lugo's last name.

Benigna Leguizamon, who had been a household employee at a diocese where Lugo had been bishop, recently withdrew her paternity suit.

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Blockbuster files for bankruptcy

NEW YORK (AFP) - US video rental giant Blockbuster declared bankruptcy yesterday, falling victim to digital delivery of movies by Netflix and kiosk outlets such as Redbox.

Blockbuster's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection means hundreds of its brick-and-mortar stores are likely to close as the Texas-based company makes a belated attempt to focus on digital distribution.

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Recently, UNOCA send out a special invitation to Aruba's Parliament, which different parliament members complied with.

UNOCA (Union di Organizacionnan Arubano— Union of Aruban Cultural Organizations) is a nongovernmental board, which advises the minister of culture on the allocation of subsidies for cultural and scientific projects.

UNOCA management welcomed Parliament Vice President Chris Dammers, and Parliament members Mrs. Clarisca Velasquez, Mr. Donny Rasmijn, Mr. Marlon Sneek and Mr. Andy Lee and thanked them for their presence and interest.

The invite was to inform the Aruba parliament of the works UNOCA has been doing for almost 25 years, in the interest of cultural development and formation of the Aruba community. Also to show them all UNOCA has to offer in its new building situated at Stadionweg 21.

The parliament members had the opportunity to admire the beautiful art exposition, the "STICUSA Collection" and the "UNOCA Collection," presently on exhibition in the building's exposition room. They also admired a book collection by our local authors. The books were published with financial aid of UNOCA and are for sale at very reason-

able prices.

UNOCA extends its invitation to more parliament members, as well as other government officials, the Aruba community in general and tourists for a visit.

UNOCA is open Mondays thru Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. A small contribution of Afls. 1 per person is highly appreciated. For group visits, it is advisable to make an appointment, in order to get proper attention and information.

For more information readers may call UNOCA at tel 583-5681, and ask for Mrs. Margriet Lee-Tromp, Project Coordinator, or e-mail at unoca@setarnet.aw.

Mrs. Rosa Harms is another lucky winner of SETAR N.V. Avatar Pay-Per-View campaign



The SETAR N.V. Avatar Pay-Per-View campaign is still on, where all cable T.V. subscribers who order the movie AVATAR can participate. Recently, Mrs. Rosa Harms became the lucky winner; she received two cinema tickets.

SETAR N.V. requests everyone to make good use of this opportunity. For only Afls. 5,95 subscribers can order the AVATAR movie. Just order and you will participate in the campaign.

AVATAR conquered various film awards and is now available in pay-per-view until October 19, 2010. It is a 2009 American epic science fiction film written and directed by James Cameron. The film is set in 2154, when humans are mining a precious mineral called unobtainium on Pandora, a lush moon of a gas giant in the Alpha Centauri star system. The expansion of the mining colony threatens the continued existence of a local tribe of Na'vi—a humanoid species indigenous to Pandora. The film's title refers to the genetically engineered Na'vi-human hybrid bodies used by a team of researchers to interact with the natives of Pandora.

Besides AVATAR, SETAR N.V. has other good movies on pay-per-view; which are published every week on their website.

Photo shows Juliska Henriquez of the Marketing Department handing the SETAR AVATAR Pay-Per-View campaign prize to Mrs. Harms' two children.

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Art for Alzheimer's raises awareness and funds

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tures the fantastical formations in the human brain of the protein molecules of which the Alzheimer's plaque is com-

prised.

On Wednesday evening, the exposition came to close with an auction to support the foundation and Dr. Mena's research, conducted by Aruba's premiere auctioneer, Kenneth Faustin. Art aficionado Faustin commented "I am extremely impressed with this small but distinguished collection of work, what was created was truly inspired by the theme; they also appreciated that the message it brings is so important."

Dr. Raul Mena and his colleague, Dr. Jose Luna, traveled to Aruba to lecture at the Occidental Grand Resort in Palm Beach last night, and to witness the unique experience, for them, of seeing their work reproduced as art. "It had never occurred to us that our results could be considered art," they commented. "This entire week and the exposition has been a revelation."

When the final gavel fell, the tally stood at 5,000 Aruban florins (\$2,710) raised for a good cause, with about half the works being sold. A number of prints based on Dr. Mena's research and original art still remain for sale. Interested parties can contact telephone 592-6462 if wishing to acquire a unique and meaningful piece for their home or as a gift.

Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba expresses their gratitude



to Michael van den Berg of Pepia Est NV, and the artistry of Chef Alvin Leest of Aruba's EPI Culinary Institute for their contribution to the success and conviviality of the event. Teal Ribbon Week will finish with their traditional Memory Walk

tomorrow evening, departing from the Fisherman's Huts area just north of the Marriott Resort at 5:30 p.m. Inscription is 5 Aruban florins, (\$2.70) and all are welcome to participate. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.

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To mark the "Night at the Oscars Wine & Cheese Party" of Kiwanis Club of Aruba, with another act of sharing Moët & Chandon and Aruba Trading Company, official distributor of Moët & Chandon on the island of Aruba, will be auctioning three limited-edition offerings of their signature champagne, Moët & Chandon Impérial both in hand-crafted gold-leaf jeroboams and in a 6L Moët & Chandon Jeroboam Matusalem. These three champagne bottles were signed by various famous stars during the International Film Festival of Aruba in June of this year. All the proceeds of the silent auction will go to local and international charities.

The first bottle is a Moët & Chandon Impérial in a hand-crafted gold-leaf jeroboam signed by the legendary leading man, Richard Gere at the opening ceremony of the International Film Festival of Aruba on June 4th, 2010. The proceeds of this bottle will go directly to the Gere Foundation, a non-profit organization established by Richard Gere. The Gere Foundation provides relief assistance in times of crisis around the world, helping millions of people who have suf-

fered the effects of war, poverty, displacement or disaster.

The second bottle is a Moët & Chandon Impérial in a hand-crafted gold-leaf jeroboam signed by leading lady and famous soap opera actress, Rudy Rodriguez. All Proceeds of this bottle will go to a local charity in Aruba through the Kiwanis Club of Aruba

And the third bottle, a 6L Moët Chandon Jeroboam Matusalem signed by Ferza Ozpetek, director of Mine Vaganti; Rubba Nadda director of Cairo Time; Sharman Joshi, actor of 3 Idiots; and Patricia Clarkson, famous American Actress - all proceed going to a local charity in Aruba through the Kiwanis Club.

Glowing with both symbolic and formal beauty, these generous, luminous bottles will help support very worthy organizations and give back to the local and global community. Until this year, the Gold Leaf jeroboams were reserved only for film stars, and now a very limited number have been made available in the world's major cities. The large-format bottles are hand-crafted and commemorate the finest in French savoir-faire.

European 'day of languages' celebrated in English

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) — Babel-like EU, with its 23 official languages and over 40 regional tongues, yesterday marked an upcoming "European Day of Languages" with a speech delivered essentially in English.

The European Commission spokesman announcing Sunday's ode to multilingualism -- highlighting the benefits of languages for small businesses -- kicked off his speech in Eng-

lish, but on hearing sighs at a media briefing peopled by many nationalities tried his hand at other tongues.

His go at German, French, Spanish, Italian and Polish won applause for a good try but grins for below-par pronunciation. Likewise the statement announcing the multilingual celebration was posted in all European Union languages but the calendar only in English.

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UN puts the bat in the global spotlight

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) — The United Nations on Wednesday launched the "year of the bat," hoping a bit of positive publicity can foster better understanding of the role the mammals play in pollination and dispersal of seeds.

"From insect-eating bats in Europe that provide important pest control to seed-dispersing bats in the tropics that help sustain rainforests, bats deliver vital ecosystem services across a wide range of environments," the UN Environment Program (UNEP) said.

It voiced concern that bat populations have plunged in recent decades due to habitat loss, amid increasing urbanization and epidemics.

"Compared to animals like tigers and elephants, bats receive little positive attention," EUROBATs Executive Secretary Andreas Streit said of the only flying mammals.



Jamaican Fruit-eating Bat

"But they are fascinating mammals and play an indispensable role in maintaining our environment."

Of 1,100 bat species, half are endangered due to deforestation and other threats.

"Most people are unaware that bats provide invaluable services to the environment,"

the UNEP said.

"Fruit agriculture, central to tropical economies, depends to a large extent on the ecological contributions of fruit bats. An estimated 134 plants that yield products used by humans are partially or entirely reliant on bats for seed dispersal or pollination."

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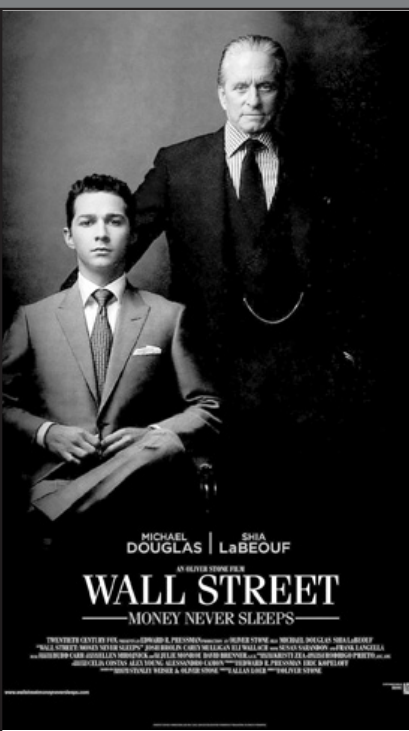
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EMERGING FROM A LENGTHY PRISON STINT, GORDON GEKKO FINDS HIMSELF ON THE OUTSIDE OF A WORLD HE ONCE DOMINATED. LOOKING TO REPAIR HIS DAMAGED RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS DAUGHTER, GEKKO FORMS AN ALLIANCE WITH HER FIANCE JACOB, AND JACOB BEGINS TO SEE HIM AS A FATHER FIGURE. BUT JACOB LEARNS THE HARD WAY THAT GEKKO -- STILL A MASTER MANIPULATOR AND PLAYER -- IS AFTER SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT FROM REDEMPTION.

Sci-Tech

Indian phone networks compliant on BlackBerry: report

NEW DELHI (AFP) – Two leading Indian mobile providers have told the government they have upgraded their networks to allow law enforcers to monitor messages sent through BlackBerry smartphones, a report said Thursday.

India last month gave the Canadian makers of the BlackBerry smartphone a 60-day reprieve on a threat to ban its messaging services after the firm agreed to give security forces "lawful access" to data.

Bharti Airtel Ltd. and Tata Teleservices Ltd. have both sent compliance reports to India's Department of Telecommunications confirming they carried out the upgrading work, Dow Jones Newswires reported, quoting unnamed sources.

"The networks were tested by a joint team" consisting of the operator, security agencies and the manufacturer Research In Motion (RIM), one source was quoted as saying.

The sources said the testing reports were considered compliance reports, Dow Jones said.

Under Indian law telecom operators must ensure security agencies can access all services carried on their networks.

The Department of Telecommunications had told mobile operators to give a "compliance report" by Wednesday that their networks had been "upgraded" to allow monitoring of data.

RIM offers its popular BlackBerry services in India through the networks of local mobile phone operators such as Bharti Airtel and Tata Teleservices.

India has been worried the heavily encrypted BlackBerry services such as messenger and corporate email could be used by militants and has asked RIM to come up with tools to allow India's security agencies to monitor those services.

RIM has insisted it is seeking to honour its commitment to be as cooperative as possible with governments "in the spirit" of supporting national security needs while preserving "the lawful needs of citizens and corporations".

There are about one million BlackBerry users in India, the world's fastest growing mobile market.



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Facebook phone rumors persist but Zuckerberg denies device exists

The so-called Facebook Phone is again a hot topic on the rumor mill, courtesy of a Bloomberg report, but Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg continued to deny the speculation, saying there are no plans to build an iPhone competitor.

Bloomberg's report reiterates weekend rumors that Facebook wants to build a mobile phone with social networking features at its core, which the social network vehemently denied on Monday.

The report, sourced from "three people familiar with the matter," says Facebook is working on not one but two smartphones with London-based manufacturer INQ that

would be sold by AT&T.

The sources claim the phones will arrive in Europe in the first half of 2011, and in the second half in the United States, but it seems AT&T has not yet struck a deal with Facebook. According to the report, the phones would have Facebook features, but as with previous rumors, details are scarce on the implementation.

INQ worked with Facebook in 2008 to release a social feature phone in the U.K. called INQ1. The phone had a sliding numerical keypad, a 3.2-megapixel camera, a 2.2-inch display, and was free with contracts, or very cheap unlocked.

Fears mount of massive Caribbean coral bleaching: US study

MIAMI (AFP) - Above-average temperatures this year could spark massive coral bleaching in the Caribbean basin region, experts with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) warned Wednesday after a major study.

The review found that there is a high risk for bleaching damage to coral in the south and southeastern Caribbean. That could cause a repeat of damage done back in 2005 when 90 percent of coral in the area were damaged and 10 percent were destroyed.

"High temperatures cause corals to force out the symbiotic algae that provide them with food. This makes the corals appear white or 'bleached' and can increase outbreaks of infectious disease," said Mark Eakin, coordinator of NOAA's Coral Reef Watch.

"Temperatures are high in the Caribbean, and we expect

this to continue," Eakin added, so "this season has the potential to be one of the worst bleaching seasons for some reefs."

Bleaching that goes on for even just a week can lead to the death of the coral, and to the loss of marine habitat, experts say.

Emma Hickerson, a sanctuary research coordinator, said that a NOAA survey cruise just returned from the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana.

"We saw serious bleaching," she said of the sanctuary. "Several species were bleached and we are concerned we could lose much of the fire corals this year," she warned.

Scientists say corals are vital to marine life because they provide habitats for a vast variety of creatures and absorb large levels of poisonous carbon dioxide.

Health & Living

US limits Avandia diabetes drug



WASHINGTON (AFP) — The top US food regulator Thursday severely restricted the use of the controversial diabetes drug, Avandia, made by British firm Glaxo-SmithKline, but stopped short of an outright ban.

The Food and Drug Administration said in a statement it was taking the step after data suggested "an elevated risk of cardiovascular events, such as heart attack and stroke, in patients treated with Avandia."

Under the restrictions, the one-time blockbuster medicine will now only be available to new US patients with type 2 diabetes if they are unable to control their glucose levels through other medications.

Existing diabetes sufferers taking Avandia will be allowed to continue to take the medicine if they so choose, the FDA statement said.

"The FDA is taking this action today to protect patients, after a careful effort to weigh benefits and risks," said FDA commissioner Margaret Hamburg.

"We are seeking to strike the right balance to support clinical care."

The US move came as the EU regulator, the European Medicines Agency, said the drug would no longer be available to patients in Europe, after recommending it be removed from the market.

A majority of members of a key FDA advisory had recommended in July that the government should allow Avandia to stay on the market in the United States but with greater restrictions on its sale.

Avandia, which generated some 1.2 billion dollars in 2009 for Britain's largest pharmaceutical firm, has long been associated with an increased risk of heart attack and stroke.

An FDA study linking the medication to serious health concerns prompted authorities to slap a warning on it in 2007.

"Allowing Avandia to remain on the market, but under restrictions, is an appropriate response, given the significant safety concerns and the scientific uncertainty still remaining about this drug," said Janet Woodcock director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, on Thursday.

Doctors will now have to attest that their patients are eligible to be prescribed Avandia, and the patients will have to acknowledge that they are aware of the risks.

Recent stress may reduce cancer therapy effectiveness

Physical or mental stress one or two days before cancer treatment may reduce the effectiveness of the therapy, researchers have found.

In a series of experiments using breast cancer cell cultures, a research team at Ohio State University found that mental and physical stress -- including rigorous exercise -- activates a stress-related protein that can trigger a chain reaction that enables cancer cells to survive cancer treatments.

Specifically, the investigators discovered that the presence of the heat shock factor-1 (HSF-1) protein could impair the process that kills cancer cells even after their DNA was damaged by radiation or chemotherapy, according to the report.

It may be possible to develop drugs that suppress HSF-1 and use these drugs as a supplement to cancer therapy, the study authors suggested in a university news release. In the meantime, patients should try to avoid physical and mental stress in the days before cancer treatment, they recommended.

"One of the known inducers of (HSF-1) is exercise. I am not against exercise, but the timing is critical. It looks like any intense or prolonged physical activity a couple of days before the start of cancer therapy is highly risky, and has potential to reduce the benefits of treatment," lead author Govindasamy Ilangovan, an associate professor of internal medicine, said in the news release.

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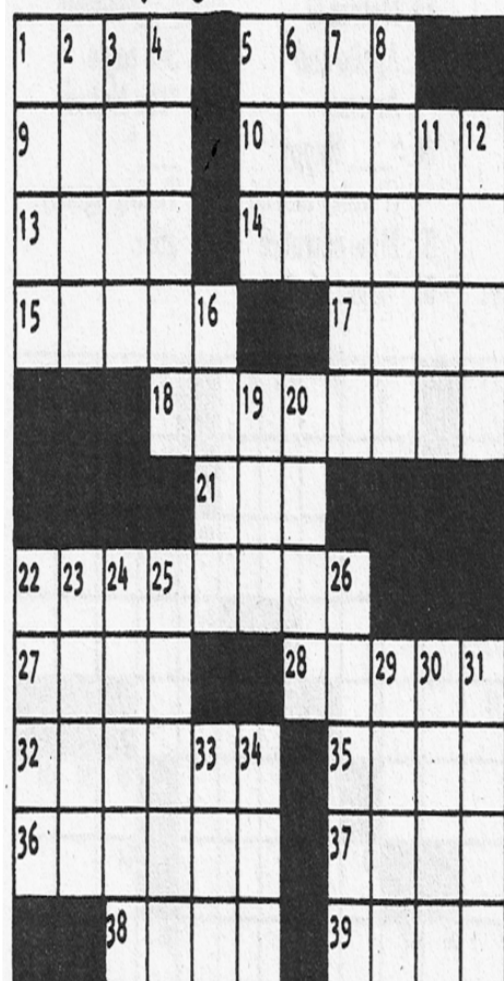
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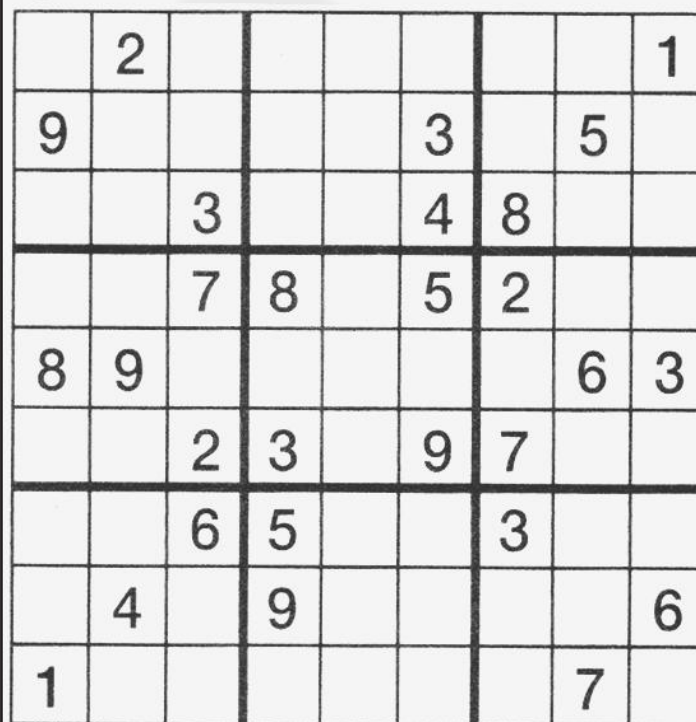
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Labor, faith leaders to withdraw millions from Chase

CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) - Labor and religious leaders in Detroit announced plans yesterday to withdraw hundreds of millions of dollars from JP-Morgan Chase to protest the bank's refusal to freeze foreclosures in Michigan.

"This is a matter of life and death," said Pastor Alexander Bullock of the Rainbow PUSH coalition.

"The words of Chase officials that they are willing to help the thousands who are living in undervalued homes and facing possible eviction is unconvincing in light of their refusal to seriously consider a moratorium on foreclosures."

Some 1.42 million US homes have been lost to foreclosure since April 2009 in the wake of the subprime mortgage crisis, credit crunch and economic downturn.

While the pace is finally slackening, nearly 339,000 properties -- or one in every 381 US housing units -- received a foreclosure filing in August, according to RealtyTrac.

Economically hard-hit Michigan has been devastated by the combined crises and nearly 18,000 homes there were in foreclosure last month.

The withdrawal of funds from Chase was also prompted by the bank's continuing ties with tobacco company RJ Reynolds Corp, the United Auto Workers union said in a statement.

RJ Reynolds has come under fire for refusing to engage in negotiations with labor organizers over allegations of low wages and unsafe working conditions at farms of contract growers in North Carolina.

Dutch Martinair to stop commercial flights

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch company Martinair, which owns the KLM group, said yesterday that it would be stopping commercial flights on its four Boeing 767 aircraft by next year, to focus on transporting freight.

"Martinair Holland NV plans to concentrate fully on its air freight activities as per the

end of 2011, and to discontinue its passenger service," the company said in a statement.

"The KLM group would make every effort to keep affected employees within the KLM family," the group said, adding that about 600 of over 1,800 employees would be affected.

The company was founded in 1958 and has 11 aircraft dedicated to its freight services.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Bill Gates still richest American, Forbes says

NEW YORK CITY-- Things are on the up for U.S. billionaires with more than half of them adding to their net worth in a year which once again saw Bill Gates as the richest of them all, Forbes magazine said on Wednesday.

Gates, founder of Microsoft, was the richest person in the United States for the 17th year in a row with an estimated worth of \$54 billion, up \$4 billion from last year.

No. 2 on the list was investor Warren Buffett, worth \$45 billion, up \$5 billion. Oracle founder Larry Ellison's net worth was unchanged, in third place, at \$27 billion. Christy Walton, heir to Walmart founder Sam Walton's fortune, was in fourth place with \$24 billion, up \$2.5 billion.

In stark contrast to the 2009 Forbes 400 list, 217 of the tycoons are now worth more than they were a year ago. Just 84 of the billionaires had a decrease in wealth.

In 2009 a whopping 314 members of the exclusive club had experienced a decrease in their wealth.

The top 10 gained \$24.9 billion. The same group had shed almost \$40 billion last year.

The total wealth of the group is up 8 percent, besting the Standard & Poor's 500 index, which measured a stock market increase of just 1 percent, Forbes said.

The Forbes 400 are worth a combined \$1.37 trillion, compared with \$1.27 trillion last



William Henry "Bill" Gates III

year.

The price of admission to the list is back up to \$1 billion from 2009 when \$950 million was enough to make the top 400.

There are no new entries or drop-offs in the top 10 but the list shuffled. The Koch brothers, heads of energy and manufacturing giant Koch Industries, now rank above three other members of the Walton family and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, founder of news and information company Bloomberg LP, who round out the top 10.

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, No. 35, saw the largest relative increase, more than tripling his fortune to \$6.9 billion from \$2 billion. Fellow Facebook co-founders Dustin Moskovitz and Eduardo Saverin join the list with fortunes of \$1.4 billion and \$1.15

billion, respectively. Born eight days after Zuckerberg, 26-year-old Moskovitz is the world's youngest billionaire.

The oldest tycoon on the list is David Rockefeller Sr., 95, worth \$2.4 billion.

Media magnate Oprah Winfrey comes in at No. 130 and is one of 42 women on the list.

Automobile heir William Ford Sr. made the list for the first time since 2005, at the 385th spot with \$1 billion after Ford Motors Co's stock rose 50 percent and hit a 5-year-high.

California is the state with the most billionaires -- 83 -- among them No. 332 Meg Whitman, worth \$1.2 billion, the Republican candidate for governor of the state in November elections.

The full Forbes 400 list can be seen at www.forbes.com/Forbes400.

Brazil poised for Petrobras record share sale

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AFP) - Brazil was readying yesterday one of largest share sales the world has ever seen, a capitalization of its state-run oil company Petrobras that will raise upwards of 64 billion dollars.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is to ring in the start of the sale today at the Sao Paulo stock exchange in a highly publicized event.

The money raised will go towards the massive outlay Petrobras has to make in coming years to tap recently discovered offshore fields so vast they could propel Brazil into the top league of oil-exporting nations.

Foreign investors have already been pushing a flood of cash into Brazil in anticipation of the sale, sending the currency, the real, soaring and triggering intervention from

the central bank.

Petrobras has said it expects heavy demand will allow an expanded offer beyond the initial minimum 64 billion dollars' worth of shares that will end up bringing in 68 billion to 78 billion dollars.

If, as expected, the total is at least 69 billion dollars, the Petrobras offer will be the biggest in history, topping the 1987 capitalization of Japan's Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Corp. (NTT) that raised 36.8 billion dollars back then (equivalent to 68.6 billion dollars today, adjusted for inflation).

Today, investors on the New York Stock Exchange will be able to buy into the Petrobras offer through American Depositary Receipts, the foreign equivalent of shares.

The new shares in the company will go on sale in Brazil

itself from next Monday.

While the priority slice of the offer looked like it was fully subscribed -- perhaps even oversubscribed -- by investors, it was the Brazilian government which would in fact walk away with the biggest chunk of shares.

According to the national financial daily Valor, the state could see its Petrobras stake swell from 39 percent currently to 45 percent.

The government has secured much of that increase by selling five billion barrels of oil in the newly discovered fields to Petrobras in exchange for 42 billion dollars' worth of shares.

The cash to be raised from the Petrobras share sale will serve as the core of an ambitious plan to boost capital expenditure over the next five years to 224 billion dollars to get at the offshore oil reserves.

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Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the lights of town set the waters aglow. Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy Aruba's most spectacular daily performance; our stunning sunsets.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$21.50; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in

particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool



2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Back Then



The Mill Restaurant



De Olde Molen back then in 1964

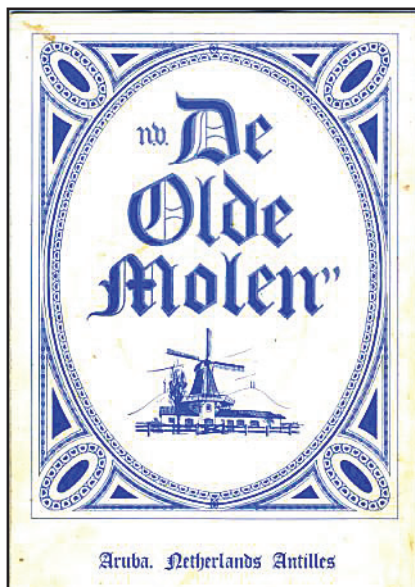
Go Dutch In Aruba. A highlight for all visitors to Aruba is the magnificent red Dutch windmill, an Aruban landmark, set not among canals but surrounded by cacti and coral. (When this story was written many, many years ago, the mill stood splendidly alone on a sand road, not as now surrounded by shops, a resort and other buildings.)

The structure, built in the province of Freisland, The Netherlands, in 1804, was used for the irrigation of lands below sea level, pumping or draining water into ditches and canals. In 1878, after being damaged by a storm and as more sophisticated irrigation systems were developed, the mill as disassembled and rebuilt to be used to grind grain.

In 1929, storms and fire damaged the mill severely and was not used again. In 1960, the remaining wooden structure was purchased by a Dutch merchant and shipped to his residence here in Aruba where it was built atop a two-story reinforced concrete structure. It was known in Dutch as

De Olde Molen (the old mill).

In 1973, after other owners, it became the home of the highly acclaimed The Mill Restaurant which serves fine international cuisine in a most welcoming and pleasurable atmosphere. (Update: the owner, Bill Waldron, trained some of



Aruba's finest chefs, bartenders and maitre d's that have served the island so well over the years.)

The second floor of The

Mill, around which runs a balcony, the perfect place to take pictures of the surrounding countryside and the adjacent bird sanctuary, houses the office of the restaurant. (Here one learned the old superstition that one must always go out the door you came in from. Visitors entering the office from the outside staircase and wanted to see the restaurant below, had to go back outside, down the stairs, and enter through the front door.)

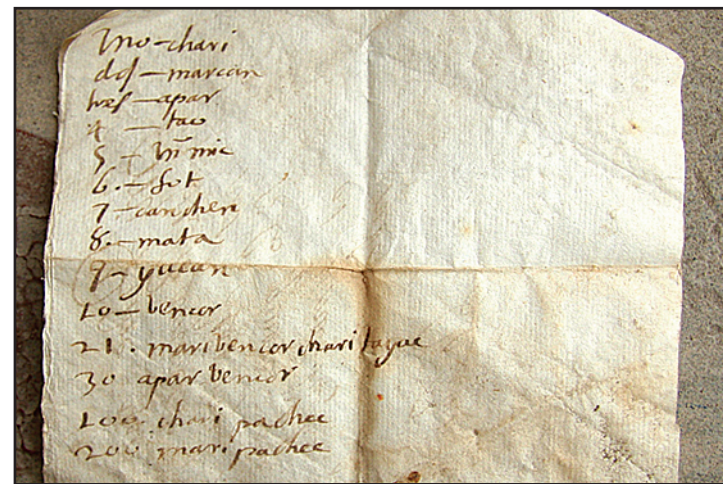
The third floor tower space contains the complete and authentic mechanism of the mill consisting of mill stones for grinding grains, wooden gears and wooden shafts made of oak.

The Dutch flavor continues in the interior of the restaurant (which was expanded over the years from the original one room and bar area) located on the ground floor. In the bar area at the entrance, an excellent example of the world renowned Dutch genre art, the scenes of everyday life of the 17th century, has been transferred to tile and set into the wall. There is also a very large tile painting of an historic sailing ship which was found behind a plastered wall when construction began on an additional dining area running lengthwise across the back of the original structure.

Dutch antiques, such as a brass and wooden water pump and authentic Delft plates, vases and jars are also on display in the now three dining areas as are original oil paintings of Dutch scenes depicting the life and style of Holland.

Update: When Mr. Waldron sold the restaurant some many years later, it is believed that a hex was put on the building by an unknown witch for it has never been a successful business since.

'Lost' language discovered on back of letter



The back side of an early 17th century letter shows translations for numbers from Spanish to a lost language.

LIMA, Peru – Archaeologists say scrawl on the back of a letter recovered from a 17th century dig site reveals a previously unknown language spoken by indigenous peoples in northern Peru.

A team of international archaeologists found the letter under a pile of adobe bricks in a collapsed church complex near Trujillo, 347 miles north of Lima. The complex had been inhabited by Dominican friars for two centuries.

"Our investigations determined that this piece of paper records a number system in a language that has been lost for hundreds of years," Jeffrey Quilter, an archaeologist at Harvard's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, said.

A photograph of the letter recently released by archaeologists shows a column of numbers written in Spanish and translated into a language that scholars say is now extinct.

"We discovered a language no one has seen or heard since the 16th or 17th century," Quilter said, adding that the language appears to have been

influenced by Quechua, an ancient tongue still spoken by millions of people across the Andes.

He said it could also be the written version of a language colonial-era Spaniards referred to in historical writings as pescadora, for the fishermen on Peru's northern coast who spoke it.

So far no record of the pescadora language has been found.

The letter, buried in the ruins of the Magdalena de Cao Viejo church at the El Brujo Archaeological Complex in northern Peru, was discovered in 2008.

But Quilter said archaeologists decided to keep their discovery secret until the research showing evidence of the lost language was published this month in the journal *American Anthropologist*.

"I think a lot of people don't realize how many languages were spoken in pre-contact times," Quilter said. "Linguistically, the relationship between the Spanish conquistadors and the indigenous was very complex."

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England to compete at Commonwealth Games

LONDON (AFP) - England will compete at the crisis-hit Commonwealth Games in Delhi, team officials announced on Thursday, after "unanimously" agreeing the decision with its 17 member sports.

Competitors and officials from several nations have raised concerns about the cleanliness of the athletes' village and the condition of some venues ahead of the October 3 start of the multi-

sport event.

But a Commonwealth Games England (CGE) statement said: "Commonwealth Games England and its 17 member sports today unanimously agreed that they will go to the Delhi Games."

"CGE's chef de mission, Craig Hunter, and our team in Delhi, are now seeing the improved levels of resourcing which are required to resolve the significant operational issues, but we

will continue to monitor the situation daily to ensure the village and stadia are safe and fit for purpose."

However, the statement added: "The board continues to press the organising committee of the Commonwealth Games Federation for assurances on both the stadia and the accommodation as well as liaising with the British Government. At all times the safety and security of our team is paramount."

Edfors equals year-low 61, Harrington seven off lead



PARIS (AFP) - Sweden's Johan Edfors equalled the lowest round of The European Tour season with a 61 at the Vivendi Cup on Thursday while Ryder Cup star Padraig

Harrington was seven shots off the pace.

Edfors's round of 11 under par included 10 birdies, an eagle and just one bogey, gave him a two-shot lead

over England's David Dixon with France's Jean-Francois Remesy and John Parry of England in a share of third place, three shots off the lead.

Harrington, playing in his final event before next week's Ryder Cup clash with the USA, hit a 68, to be four under par.

Edfors, a former British Masters and Scottish Open champion, said he even thought a 59 might have been on the cards.

"I was ten under with five to go and I had 80 metres left on 14 in the middle of the fairway and I bogeyed that one and then I birdied 17 and 18 coming in," said the 34-year-old.

"So felt a little bit better but had a really good chance for a 59 there, I was playing really nice."

"I really felt that I had a good chance there. I was stroking the putter really good, but unfortunately three-putted 14."

Dixon also produced his lowest European Tour round to boost his hopes of hanging onto his tour card for next season.

"I've been driving it great, hitting the driver really good and putting myself right up by the greens," said 33-year-old Dixon.

Parry admitted he had the elusive 59 on his mind at one stage.

"I birdied the first, I had a good putt, I bogeyed the second, and then I had four in a row where I really didn't really hole any, like I was hitting it to three foot and stuff and stopping it, so it was nice," said Parry.

"I think I got it eight under through 12, so I was looking at a good chance of 59. Then I missed a birdie putt on the par five, so that stopped the momentum - I think I parred through the par fives, which if anything to be disappointed about, that was it."

Thierry Henry scores NY flat for 15 million dollars

NEW YORK (AFP) - French football star Thierry Henry has secured a New York apartment in the fashionable Soho neighborhood for nearly 15 million dollars, news reports said Thursday.

The 33-year-old Henry, who this year retired from international play and joined the New York Red Bulls Club, will have his three-story pad in the lower Manhattan quarter near stars including Alicia Keys, Lenny Kravitz and Nicole Kidman, according to the reports in the Wall Street Journal and Daily Mail of London.

Pictures of the apartment show the poshly decorated flat of 600 square meters (6,400 square feet) along with a terrace of 450 square meters on Crosby Street in the loft district.

The Daily Mail said the former European club star agreed to pay nine million dollars for two stories and then another 4.85 million for lower floor after the current tenant moves out. He would then link the two apartments to make a triplex.

A real estate agent cited in the reports declined to comment.



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Matthaeus targets Euro 2012, Berbatov rethink

SOFIA (AFP) - New Bulgaria coach Lothar Matthaeus has targeted qualification for the Euro 2012 finals as his number one objective and would like Dimitar Berbatov back on board to lead the charge.

Matthaeus, a former captain of the West German national team and 1990 World Cup winner, said: "I am going to try to catch up on what has been lost, we want to finish at least second in our (Euro 2012 qualifying) group."

The German football great said he also planned to hold talks with Manchester United striker Berbatov in a bid to try and persuade Bulgaria's best player to rethink his decision to retire from international football.

Matthaeus signed his new contract to coach Bulgaria here on Thursday, 48 hours after having been unveiled as successor to Stanimir Stoilov.

On his attempt to entice Berbatov back into the international fold he said: "I plan to start talks with Berbatov. He is still welcome in the Bulgarian national team. As a Bulgarian player he should be proud to play for his country."

Berbatov announced his international retirement in May, explaining at the time that he had become "discouraged" by his performances for his country.

Matthaeus's first match in charge will be Bulgaria's third qualifier against Wales in Cardiff on October 8.

The 49-year-old, the first foreign coach of Bulgaria, has promised to adopt an "attacking style of play".

The position became vacant when Stoilov resigned after Bulgaria lost their opening two Euro 2012 qualifiers against England and Montenegro which has left them in dire straits with no points and propping up Group G.

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Bush may miss six weeks with broken leg

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - The New Orleans Saints are juggling their lineup after learning Wednesday that running back Reggie Bush is expected to be out up to six weeks with a broken leg.

Bush, who suffered a broken right fibula during Monday's National Football League game against the San Francisco 49ers, will be difficult to replace, said teammate Jeremy Shockey.

"Reggie gives us a couple rare elements on special teams and offence, so it's definitely a lot of slack that we've got to pick up," New Orleans tight end Shockey said. "It's a hard guy to re-

place no matter how you look at it."

Bush was hurt in the final quarter of the game against the 49ers when he attempted to recover a bobbled punt. As he fell on the football, a San Francisco player slammed into his right leg.

Coach Sean Payton said Bush will have a cast on his lower right leg to heal a broken fibula. Payton said Bush would be sidelined four to six weeks.

Since being draft four years ago, Bush has missed a dozen games due to injuries. The Saints are 8-4 in those games.

Bush was off to a modest

start this year before getting hurt. In two games, he has ran for 18 yards on seven carries. He also has nine catches for 63 yards, including a six-yard touchdown in the win over San Francisco.

The injury could not have come at a worse time for Bush, who was forced to return his Heisman Trophy last week. The NCAA punished his former American college team USC after a probe revealed that Bush and his family improperly accepted money and gifts from sports agents.

Bush said he returned the award to end the controversy but has denied any wrongdoing.

Ichiro posts 10th straight 200-hit



TORONTO (AFP) - Seattle's Japanese star Ichiro Suzuki became the first Major League Baseball player with 10 consecutive 200-hit seasons Thursday, breaking his own record with a single in a game against Toronto.

Suzuki lined the hit to center field on the first pitch he saw from Blue Jays hurler Shawn Hill in the fifth inning.

His teammates came to the top step of the dugout to applaud him as fans rose to their feet. After several seconds, Suzuki tipped his cap to acknowledge the ovation.

He had moved to within one hit of the mark with a two-out double in the third frame.

Last year Suzuki surpassed Willie Keeler with his ninth straight 200-hit season. Keeler reached 200 hits for eight straight seasons from 1894-1901.

Suzuki now has more 200-hit seasons than any player in American League history, breaking the record he shared with Ty Cobb.

Pete Rose is the only other major leaguer to record 10 seasons with 200 or more hits.

Hatton's fight licence withdrawn

LONDON (AFP) - Former world champion Ricky Hatton suffered a further blow to his reputation as a result of having taken cocaine when his licence to box was withdrawn on Thursday.

The 31-year-old, who faces the prospect of a police investigation, was condemned by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBofC) for "bringing the sport into disrepute", who ruled his "current physical condition is such that the Board decided to withdraw his boxer's licence".

Hatton was diagnosed with depression and a drink problem by a specialist earlier this month after a newspaper published video footage of the boxer allegedly snorting cocaine.

The News of the World secretly filmed Hatton, who has not fought since being knocked out in the second round of his May 2009 showdown with Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas, supposedly using "industrial quantities" of the drug during a marathon 10-hour drinking session.

It led the BBBofC to call a hearing on Wednesday and

their statement issued Thursday said: "The board found Ricky Hatton guilty of misconduct in that his actions and behaviour were detrimental to the interests of boxing and to the public interest and that he had brought the sport into disrepute."

"Ricky Hatton is not an ac-

Woods' caddie among trio bumped from Ryder flight

ATLANTA (AFP) - Tiger Woods' caddie and two others have been bumped from the US Ryder Cup team's charter flight to Wales because the aircraft isn't big enough.

The PGA of America will provide the resources for Woods' caddie, Steve Williams, Stewart Cink's caddie, Frank Williams, and Rickie Fowler's caddie, Joe Skovron, to fly business class to Europe for the biennial match play showdown.

US Ryder Cup captain Corey Pavin scotched suggestions the change in plan could dent the Americans' team unity.

"It's funny what people make of it," Pavin said. "When we play in the United States, everyone comes in

separately. Just because we're going overseas doesn't mean we all have to go together."

Hatton was also fined 20,000 pounds and UK boxing's governing body also revoked his manager and second's licences but allowed him to remain a promoter.

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The three caddies who were bumped were selected because their players are not competing this week in the US PGA Tour Championship in Atlanta, where the charter will depart on Sunday.

The Ryder Cup will be contested October 1-3 at Celtic Manor.

"It has actually worked out quite well," Pavin said. "The three caddies are spread throughout the land, and they can come over on a more direct flight and fly business class."

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38th Central American Caribbean Bodybuilding & Fitness Championship begins today



Aruba Bodybuilding & Powerlifting Association President Giovanni Arendsz and Treasurer Ed Malone announced that preliminary and final events of the 38th Central American Caribbean Bodybuilding & Fitness Championships will be hosted by Aruba and the Westin Resort over the next two days. Contenders for the regional titles have been arriving since Monday from as far north as Bermuda, and as far west as Mexico, with participants from Colombia and

Venezuela as well.

Giovanni Arendsz is also president of the international organization. Fans of the discipline can expect to see over 150 contestants from 23 countries competing in nearly twenty categories, of which four, Body Figure, Ladies Fitness, Men's Body Building and Ladies Body Building offer a pro card and status for the overall winner. "We have 79 trophies to distribute on Saturday for the various men's and ladies' weight divisions as well as four cate-

gories of Body Figure and three of Body Fitness, Master's Class for men and women, Junior Division for under 20 and Mixed Pairs posing to dance music. The men's category of body fitness is relatively new," explained Ed Malone.

Today's preliminaries will produce 6 finalists in the various categories who will go on to Saturday's event, which begins at 3:00 p.m. in the Westin Ballroom.

Tickets for each night are 45 Aruban florins, or 75 florins for a combination ticket for both nights; tickets are available at the door. There is also VIP seating at 75 florins per person.

This year, the bodybuilding competition does not feature a guest pro poser as in the past, but two quite notable professionals on the circuit, Darrem Charles of Trinidad & Tobago and Carlos Ribiei of Canada are on island for the event. Darrem's son is competing this year, and the famous father first earned his pro card by winning the overall title here in Aruba 20 years ago. This is the first time in five years

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onships and will have a team of 25 bodybuilders in various categories competing.

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